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SUBJECT: CSCE: MEETING WITH ACTING FORMIN GLIGA

REF: GENEVA 4151

1. AS YOU REQUESTED DURING OUR CONVERSATION LAST WEEK I RAISED SUBJECT OF ROMANIAN RESERVATIONS ON TEXT RELATING TO EXPULSION OF JOURNALISTS IN MEETING WITH ACTING FORMIN GLIGA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 18). HE PROMPTLY ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW PRECISE RETIONALE FOR GOR OBJECTION, BUT SAID HE WOULD REVIEW SITUATION AND LET ME KNOW. HE SAID HE HAD REQUESTED BUT NOT YET RECEIVED STATUS REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR LIPATTI. LIPATTI HAD BEEN GIVEN DISCRETION ON A NUMBER OF INTERLOCKING ISSUES BUT GLIGA DID NOT KNOW WHERE LIPATTI HAD COME OUT. HE HOPED TO BE BACK TO US BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

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WM OBSERVING THAT GOR RECORD ON TREATMENT AND

FACILITATION OF FOREIGN PRESS WAS GOOD, GLIGA ADDED THAT DESPITE ROMANIAN UNHAPPINESS WITH OCCASIONAL "TENDENTIOUS" RAYORTING BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ON INTERNAL SITUATION GOR HAD NO INTENTION OF MODIFYING ITS CURRENT POLICY OF WELCOMING AND ASSISTING REPORTERS FROM ABROAD SO LONG AS THEY CONFORMED TO ROMANIAN LAWS. FOR THIS REASON HE CONFESSED HE WAS HARD-PRESSED TO GIVE ME A STRAIGHT REPLY TO MY QUERY.

3. DURING ENSUING GENERAL CONVERSATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GENEVA, WE TOUCHED SUBJECT OF FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM. HE REPEATED STANDARD ROMANIAN ARGUMENT FOR NEED FOR INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW-QN, ADDING THAT OUR ARGUMENT THAT SUCH MACHINERY WOULD OFFER "OTHERS" OPPORTUNITY FOR INVOLVEMENT IN WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS CUTS BOTH WAYS AND THEREFORE WE SHOULDN'T BE SO WORRIED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE LAST THING THE ROMANIANS WANTED WAS TO ESTABLISH ANY MECHANISM WHICH GIVES SCOPE TO ANYONE TO MIX IN THE AFFAIRS OF ITS NEIGHBORS, BUT RATHER ONE THAT COULD AT LEAST CALL ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS GOING ON. ACTION, IF ANY, WOULD BE UP TO THE VARIOUS STATES. BASICALLY, ALL THE GOR WISHED WAS TO CONSTRUCT A PRACTICAL MEANS FOR PERIODICALLY HOLDING TO ACCOUNT THE COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE PARTIES TO CSCE. HE THOUGHT THIS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE IN ORDER TO GIVE ANY MEANING TO WHOLE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. COMMENT: GLIGA'S BOBBING AND WEAVING ON THE JOURNALIST ISSUE REAFFIRMS MY ASSUMPTION THAT GOR POSITION IS ESSENTIALLY TACTICAL AND IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO RAPID AND PROBABLY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE. THIS IS TOO EASY AND TOO OBVIOUS A POINT FOR THE ROMANIANS TO OFFER AS A "CONCESSION", AND I WILL FRANKLY BE SURPRISED IF THEY DO NOT SHORTLY DO SO IF THE PRESSURE FOR A RAPID CONCLUSION OF PHASE II CONTINUES.
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